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BY ECF

Hon. Margo K. Brodie
United States District Judge
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: United States v. Michael Hlady
20 Cr 8 (MKB)

Dear Judge Brody:

I am a solo practitioner and private counsel for defendant Michael Hlady. By this letter, I am respectfully requesting that I be immediately relieved as Mr. Hlady's lawyer in connection with this matter. Mr. Hlady recently notified me that he is financially unable to pay me. To date, I have been paid a mere fraction of what I was promised to proceed. There has also been a breakdown in the attorney-client relationship between us further necessitating this application.

Mr. Hlady has asked that CJA counsel be appointed in my place and stead. Attached hereto is a current CJA 23 Financial Affidavit

from Mr. Hlady.¹

Respectfully submitted,

/JRF/

James R. Froccaro, Jr.

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Encl.

cc: Michael Hlady, w/encl.

¹ The next scheduled status conference for both defendants in the case is at 10 a.m. on December 8, 2020, and there is pending before the Court a joint request to schedule a trial in September of 2021.